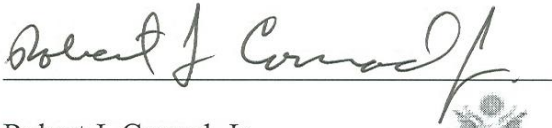


default.” Plaintiff failed to seek an entry of default under Rule 55(a) before moving for default judgment, and thus, the motion is “procedurally improper.” *See Heard v. Caruso*, 351 F. App’x 1, 16 (6th Cir. 2009).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Motion for Default Judgment, (Doc. No. 11), is **DENIED**.
Signed: July 1, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
United States District Judge

